

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner set forth below is a recapitulation of the current status of the Claims in the present Application.

CLAIM	STATUS	DEPENDENCY
1	Canceled	—
2	Canceled	—
3	Canceled	—
4	Previously presented	20
5	Previously presented	20
6	Previously presented	20
7	Original	6
8	Original	7
9	Original	8
10	Original	9
11	Original	9
12	Canceled	—
13	Currently amended	22
14	Original	13
15	Original	14
16	Currently amended	21
17	Withdrawn	—
18	Withdrawn	—
19	Withdrawn	—
20	Previously presented	Independent

CLAIM	STATUS	DEPENDENCY
21	New	Independent
22	New	Independent

Comments of Primary Examiner David B. THOMAS have been reviewed carefully along with pertinent sections of the Patent, Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, legal treatises and relevant decisional law. The Application has been amended in accordance with Examiner THOMAS' requirements and the Application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-11 and 20 have been allowed.

The Examiner has stated Claims 3, 12 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of Claims 3 and 12 has been rewritten and is now presented as new independent Claims 21 and 22 respectively. No new matter has been added. Claims 21 and 22 are believed to be patentable.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend from new Claim 22.

Claim 16 has been amended to depend from new Claim 21.

The status of the Claims is as follows:

Claims 1-3 and 12 have been canceled.

Claims 13 and 16 have been amended.

Claims 7-11, 14 and 15 are original.

Claims 17-19 have been withdrawn.

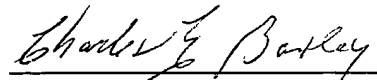
Claims 4-6 and 20 have been previously presented.

Claims 21 and 22 are new.

In view of the foregoing submissions and explanations, it is believed that Claims 4-11, 13-16 and 20-22 are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance on the Application will be appreciated.

Courtesy, cooperation and skill of Primary Examiner David B. THOMAS are appreciated and acknowledged.

Respectfully,



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